

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 23-41 and 104-128 are presently pending.

The Fourth Supplemental Amendment filed on June 17, 2004 was alleged to be non-responsive for each claim not having the proper status identifier. Applicants assume that this was in reference to new claims 104-128.

In fact, it is improper to include status identifiers for claims newly added to a reissue application. Rather, in reissue applications, new claims must be presented without parenthetical status identifiers. *See*, M.P.E.P. § 1453, page 1400-68 of May 2004 revision, noting that each new claim should be presented with underlining throughout the claim and should not be identified as "new" after the claim number. Thus, no status identifiers should be included for claims added to reissue applications and, accordingly, the Fourth Supplemental Amendment filed on June 17, 2004 was proper and responsive.

In addition, Applicants request that the Fourth Supplemental Amendment be forwarded to the Examiner for expeditious prosecution.

Supplemental Declaration

Accompanying this paper is a Supplemental Declaration by Inventors.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for reissuance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

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